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## NEW OFFICERS ARE NAMED FOR BOARD OF TRADE

**A. S. Mead Takes Office as Result of the Annual Meeting Held Last Monday Evening**

A. S. Mead succeeds J. W. Keys as president of the Board of Trade for 1910; F. D. R. Moote is vice-president; J. W. Patterson succeeds himself as secretary and W. S. Andrews will continue in the office of treasurer. These are the results of the election of officers and directors held at the annual meeting of the Board on Monday evening.

The meeting was the most largely attended held in several months. Four new members were admitted, thus starting out well in the campaign to raise the membership to the 100 mark during 1910. The new names passed upon at the meeting were those of W. R. Neelands, representing the Southern California Edison Company, W. B. Drackett, E. W. Mead and P. C. Carter.

Under the order of election of officers Messrs. Patterson and Andrews were chosen by acclamation to succeed themselves. The president and vice-president are chosen by the board of directors, but President Keys announced that as he had already informed several members, he could not under any circumstances be a candidate for re-election. For directors were chosen Messrs. J. J. Graham, A. S. Mead, C. S. Kersting, F. D. R. Moote, J. C. Dickson, J. A. Osgood and S. H. Spafford, the three first named being re-elected. The directors met at the adjournment of the Board and elected president and vice-president as above noted.

Mr. Neelands addressed the Board on the subject of the porch light campaign now being conducted by the Edison company. The Board voted to indorse the movement and commend it to the consideration of property owners.

President Mead has furnished the News with a list of his committees for the year 1910, together with suggestions which he is offering each committee by way of a hint to get busy and make the coming year the best in the history of the Board. The committees will be as follows:

**Membership**—S. H. Spafford, chairman; H. G. Flint, J. A. Gilbert, Leigh Smith, J. A. Patterson. "100 live members for 1910."

**Advertising**—C. S. Kersting, chairman; C. C. Betts, W. B. Drackett, A. L. Robinson, C. W. Jones. "Is Sierra Madre well known?"

**Transportation, Streets and Roads**—F. D. R. Moote, chairman; A. N. Adams, J. D. Mackerras, J. W. Keys, J. A. Madden. "Better car service, more mails and a freight depot."

**Laws and By-laws**—J. J. Graham, chairman; J. G. Blumer, I. N. Ward, W. S. Andrews, W. A. Evans. "Can our constitution and by-laws be im-

## SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

Data Furnished the News Weekly by Mr. John G. Blumer

1909	
October	.82
November	2.72
December	11.24
1910	
January 1	3.10
2	1.45
11	12 4.67
Total to date	19.45

## SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

Notices have been sent to all stockholders of the Sierra Madre Water Company calling a special meeting to be held on January 28 for the purpose of considering the sale of the property of the company to the city along the lines already mentioned in the News. With the notice were sent circular letters relating the history of the movement and setting forth conditions as they now exist and as they would be affected by the transfer. This circular letter is printed in full on another page of this paper for the information of those News readers who are not stockholders in the company but who may be interested in the movement.

## G. G.'S AND SENATOR FLINT

**Graphic.**—Those who are predicting that the Good Government league will not be able to control its own forces, when it comes to antagonizing Senator Flint for a second term, if he is a candidate, point in proof to the fact that leading reformers, such as W. D. Stephens, W. I. Washburn, Willis Booth, J. O. Koepfli and others allied with the Good Government organization, will balk hard when the expected attempt is made to sheer them into the camp of a rival aspirant for senatorial honors. All of these mentioned were strong for Senator Flint six years ago, and each one is fully as loyal now as then. Oscar Lawler, who should know, but who insists that he does not speak officially, is among those who profess to be convinced that before long Senator Flint will have announced his retirement from public life.

**Church of the Ascension (Episcopal), Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, rector.** Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Sunday School and Bible class 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m., subject of sermon "Holy Baptism;" evening prayer and sermon 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

proved?"

**Finance and Auditing**—J. C. Dickson, chairman; P. C. Carter, N. H. Hosmer, S. T. DePencier, E. W. Mead. "How may the Board's income be increased?"

**Entertainment**—J. A. Osgood, chairman; M. D. Welsher, Cabot Yerxa, J. J. Hart, George B. Morigridge. "Social life, annual banquet, picnic, clean-up day, lectures."

## PARSIFAL LECTURE

To Be Given Next Thursday Evening by Bruce Gordon Kingsley

The lecture on Wagner's "Parsifal" to be given next Thursday evening by Bruce Gordon Kingsley promises to be the finest musical event of the year in Sierra Madre. It will be the concluding lecture of the series on the operas of Wagner under the auspices of the Woman's Club. However, it will be given in the evening and it is expected that a very large number of hearers will be attracted.

Beautifully colored stereopticon views of the principal scenes in the opera will be shown. Mr. Kingsley will play the principal musical numbers on the piano and Mrs. Hawhurst will assist with some vocal numbers.

Sierra Madre is to be congratulated on securing this strong attraction, no other town outside of Los Angeles having had the privilege of hearing Mr. Kingsley in this lecture, which is considered his best. His interest in the local club caused him to arrange his terms for the course, including the Parsifal lecture to meet the possibilities of the club in that line, his customary charge for the Parsifal lecture alone being \$200.

It is especially desired that the people shall be in their seats in the club auditorium by eight o'clock so that the lecture may begin promptly and continue without being interrupted by later arrivals. Following the lecture a reception will be given in the club parlors for Mr. Kingsley, when refreshments will be served.

The list of subscription members whose ready assistance made possible the club's undertaking this course which has given such great pleasure and instruction to all who have attended, is as follows:

Mrs. George Letteau, Mrs. L. C. Torrance, Mrs. C. H. Baker, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Blake, Miss Nichols, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Heiskell, Miss Coffey, Mrs. Cadwell, Mrs. N. W. Tarr, Mrs. Goodfellow, Miss Cook, Miss Hill, Miss Webster, Mrs. Vannier, Miss Caskey, Miss Polley, Mrs. W. E. Rhea, Mrs. Lawless, Mme. Yerxa, Mrs. J. H. Wright, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. C. W. Jones, Mrs. J. A. Madden, Miss Graham, Mrs. Hawhurst, Mrs. Stilson, Mrs. Lyon, Mr. F. P. Conard, Mr. C. H. Perry.

In response to a growing demand in his home, Henry Kitchell Webster, author of "The Sky Man," once went to his father's house, borrowed the family high chair and started taking it home by hand. He had to wait long for his car, and when it finally came its conductor was a humorist. "Aren't you pretty big for that chair?" that official ventured. "Yes," admitted Webster, wearily; "I grew up while waiting for the car."—Success.

## BACK TAXES COMING IN

### COLLECTOR MAKES REPORT

**Curious Lack of Information Disclosed by Search of County Records for Owners**

Tax Collector Lehmer reported to the city trustees last night that delinquent taxes for the current year were collected to the amount of \$344 during December, leaving but little over \$200 to be collected of the total amount delinquent. A considerable amount of the delinquent taxes for the previous two years have also been paid in.

A curious fact has been uncovered by Mr. Lehmer in this connection. In an effort to locate the owners of some of the property on which taxes had been allowed to go delinquent he searched the records of the tax collector's office to find who was paying the state and county taxes on the property. On being notified of their delinquency some of the non-resident owners expressed surprise, saying they did not know the town had been incorporated and hence knew nothing about any municipal taxes during the past three years.

Messrs. W. P. Caley and Chester Huston were granted permission to arrange a rifle range for target practice back of the Mt. Wilson stables at the foot of the trail. The range will be for the exclusive use of a club of a limited number of members and not open to the public.

The ordinance establishing grades on Suffolk Avenue was adopted as a preliminary to proceedings for the improvement of that street. Street Superintendent Lehmer reported that he expected to be able to get teams and put the road grader into commission next week.

City Attorney Madden reported that he had secured Leslie R. Hewitt, city attorney of Los Angeles, to act in an advisory capacity in connection with the negotiations for the sale of the water company's property to the city.

There seems an excellent prospect that there will be at least two bids on the gas franchise, notice of sale of which Mr. Madden will have prepared in time for publication next week.

Mayor Jones confirmed as a committee to represent the city the Board of Trade committee named to secure the improvement of Huntington drive all the way to Sierra Madre. It is said there is a good chance of securing this entrance to the city on West Central avenue.

## AUDUBON SOCIETY

All persons interested in the forming of an Audubon society are invited to meet at the Woman's Club House on Monday, January 31, at 3 o'clock.

**MRS. J. A. OSGOOD**

**MRS. G. H. LETTEAU**

**MRS. FRANK WHEATLEY**

## CLASSIFIED COLUMN

Advertising inserted under this heading at the rate of five cents per line for each insertion.

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Eucalyptus trees one year old in lots of 100 or more, \$1.00 per box, a limited amount. Rostrata, balance Globulus. N. W. Tarr, Grandin Avenue. Telephone Black 13.

FOR SALE—Golden oak sideboard. Phone black 15. Corner Baldwin and Victoria Lane. 15\*

FOR SALE—6 large grass rugs, some grass matting, cooling closet, 2 small lawn mowers, 75 drying rays. Apply at Dr. Hatfield's real estate office. 16

FOR SALE—Burro, cart, harness and saddle. Good traveler, not noisy. C. P. Sparks, Ramona Ave., or inquire at lumber yard. tf

FOR SALE—Aviary of 25 canary birds at Villa Pilar Ranch. F. R. Yerxa. 16

## WANTED

WANTED—Good ranch horse at Villa Pilar Ranch. F. R. Yerxa. 16

WANTED—Pupils in shorthand. Inquire at News office, Phone Black 42 or Red 40. tf

## MISCELLANEOUS

EXCHANGE WANTED—Long Beach for Sierra Madre. A cosy, 5-room Long Beach cottage, modern, corner lot, near school, street car and beach. Price \$1,600. Want above Central Ave., Sierra Madre, a small lot to \$600, or cottage and lot even exchange. Will give good trade if suited. Address "Owner," 380 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, Cal. 17

FOR RENT—Office desk room. Apply to A. S. Mead or J. A. Madden. 12tf

LOST—Mexican silver brooch. Finder please notify the News office. 15

Egg food that makes hens lay. We have it. Sierra Madre Feed and Fuel Co.

For Japanese Workmen phone Black 10. S. Wada has purchased the business of Kay Takaoka and is ready to furnish Japanese boys for any kind of work. P. O. Box 54.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Sierra Madre Water Company has been regularly called for and will be held on the 28th day of January, 1910, at the Town Hall building, in Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County, California, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider and discuss the matter of the sale of all the Company's property and assets to the City of Sierra Madre and the terms and conditions of such sale, and any other matters relative thereto which may come before the meeting.

W. S. ANDREWS,  
H. G. FLINT, President.  
Secretary.

Dated December 18, 1909.

A Durham farmer was traveling to London to consult a lawyer, when the fear struck him that he had left certain important papers behind. He made a hurried search of his bag. "If I did leave those papers," he remarked, "I'm a fool!" The search proceeded, and a moment later he said: "I believe it'll turn out I'm a fool!" Just as he was examining the last bundle of papers he exclaimed: "Well, I'll bet I am a fool." A man on the other side of the compartment lowered his newspaper for a moment and said, slowly and deliberately: "Oblige me, sir, by laying a little money that same way for me."

## THOSE ASTOR PASTE PEARLS

New York society feels distinctly aggrieved at the discovery that the majority of Mrs. Astor's famous pearls were false, says an exchange. The revelation has laid all wearers of jewels under the cloud of suspicion, for how can we now be sure that anything is genuine? We can not take an expert around with us in order to give the exactly correct pitch to the awe in our voices when we talk of the decorations worn by the elite at the theater or in the drawing room, and without an expert we have no means of knowing whether we should be reverential or insolent. We certainly have no intention to go into obsequious raptures over paste diamonds or imitation pearls, and yet how are we to discriminate? Evidently the status of the wearer has nothing to do with the case, and so we are left confronting a difficult problem. Perhaps the wisest course is to continue to lick the boots of wealth and to be haughtily contemptuous of poverty. If wealth chooses to demean itself by wearing imitation jewels we may at least preserve our own self-respect by ignoring an unpleasant possibility, and continuing to prostrate ourselves at the feet of those who could wear the real thing if they only wanted to. But in the meantime the spectre of Mrs. Astor's false pearls will continue to dim the flashing lustre that we have so much loved to gloat over from our 50-cent seats in the lofty and rarefied atmosphere of the theatre.

But if any considerable number of jewels are false, where are all the real ones? A year ago they may have been in pawn, but where are they now? Where are all the jewels of which we read in history, the jewels of pre-historic courts, of semi-barbarous peoples, the jewels of ancient India and Egypt and of the vanished kingdoms of Asia? There was certainly no lack of precious stones in those days unless tradition has deceived us, while as for gold it must have existed by the ton. Gold, of course, wears out, but precious stones do not, yet most of the noteworthy jewels of today have their authenticated histories and have originated within comparatively recent years. Where now are the innumerable great jewels of antiquity, for while we can account for a few of them it is only a few. Do they still exist in some mysterious hoard or have they been lost? The temples of India are notoriously rich in jewels, and great numbers of them are freely exposed to view, but there is still a big deficit somewhere. And the deficit must be even larger than it seems if society women are wearing imitation stones to any great extent.

The Sun, the East, and the West  
A most appreciative cuss,  
The Sun gets up to look at us,  
But when he strikes the West instead  
He gets so bored he goes to bed.  
—McLandburgh Wilson,  
in Pippincott's.  
'Tis true that first the East he tries,  
Takes just one whiff that "puts him  
wise,"  
Then, feeling that he needs a rest,  
He hastens to the splendid West.  
—California Weekly.

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In 1747 Mr. John Brown was invited to become the pastor of a church at Hingham. There was but one opponent to his settlement, a man whom Mr. Brown won over by a stroke of good humor. He asked for the grounds of his opposition. "I like your person and your manner," said the reply, "but your preaching, objections."

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**Brief Items of Interest**

Harry, the small son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Greer Caskey, is confined at  
home by an attack of measles.

Mrs. S. C. Collins entertained the  
Modern Priscillas at their regular  
meeting yesterday afternoon.

E. L. Brown and family of Ocean  
Park have rented through the Twycross  
agency Mrs. Anderson's cottage on  
Wildon street.

Miss Bertha Peterson sailed yester-  
day from San Pedro for San Francisco.  
She will there meet her parents  
who are on their way to Southern  
California to spend the winter.

Mrs. W. F. Brugman and Miss  
Emily Brugman of Pasadena, who  
are well known in Sierra Madre, left  
last week for Tucson, Arizona, where  
they will visit for several months.

Chester Huston was among the  
prize winners at the postponed sports  
program of the Tournament of Roses  
at Pasadena last Saturday. His run-  
ning horse carried off the first prize  
of \$75 in one of the events.

Street Superintendent Lehmer has  
at last made the necessary repairs in  
the old culvert which gave way at  
the Central Avenue end of the Ker-  
sting block, and which have been an  
eyesore and source of danger for  
several weeks.

C. S. Kersting is erecting another  
addition to his frame business block  
opposite the Pacific Electric station.  
The new room will be occupied by  
Andrew Olsen who will make it  
headquarters for his fuel, feed and  
transfer business.

Manager W. R. Neelands of the  
Southern California Edison Company  
has arranged to spend Tuesday of  
each week in Sierra Madre for the  
purpose of looking after the company's  
growing business here. He will  
make his headquarters at the  
First National Bank.

The illustrated lecture on our bird  
neighbors given by Dr. Emily Hunt  
of Pasadena before the Woman's Club  
last Monday was greatly enjoyed.  
Dr. Hunt is an authority on  
the subject and made an eloquent  
plea for more study and better  
acquaintance with the birds, as well as  
for their protection.

Have you noticed the happy smile  
that has adorned the countenances  
of Messrs. Keys, Jones, Torrance and  
several other local men for the past  
week? Most of them smile most of  
the time but this particular smile  
was due to new visions of them-  
selves in the Doheney or Canfield  
class of oil magnates. A well owned  
by a company in which they are in-  
terested "came in" last week with  
such a flow that the top works were  
wrecked.

An item which was sent the News  
and delayed in transit until too late  
for last week's paper concerned the  
birthday surprise party tendered Mr.  
E. S. Stilson on Wednesday evening  
of last week. On arriving home from  
the vestry meeting of the Church of  
the Ascension where he had been de-  
tained, he found a score of friends  
awaiting his arrival and ready to  
"take him in." There was no doubt  
about his complete surprise, if re-  
ports may be believed. Neither was  
there any doubt about every one  
there having a thoroughly enjoyable  
evening.

Mrs. Florence Cheney went to Re-  
ondo yesterday for an extended stay.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell have  
gone east to be absent several weeks,  
visiting New York and other cities.

Miss Emma Drifill and Mr. Harry  
Staples of Oxnard were guests over  
Sunday at the home of Mr. Staples'  
mother, Mrs. Alice M. Staples.

Mr. T. E. Yerxa has taken up his  
residence at his Baldwin Avenue  
ranch. It is reported he will build  
soon. Residing with him is his  
daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Yerxa.

Frank F. Fleming has opened up a  
law office in San Pedro and will be-  
gin the practice of law in that field.  
He will reside in Sierra Madre, how-  
ever, for a month or two at least.

Mrs. George H. Letteau entertained  
the Bridge club on Wednesday, hav-  
ing as guests besides the club mem-  
bers, Mrs. Charles Hosmer and Mrs.  
Ernest Yerxa.

An adjourned session of the an-  
nual meeting of the Congregational  
church will be held this evening, to  
be followed by a social session. A  
resume of the reports given at the  
annual meeting will be given and  
Rev. Dr. J. L. Maile of Los Angeles  
will be present to speak.

A large number of Sierra Madre  
people have attended the aviation  
events at Dominguez field during the  
week. Some of them were so fortu-  
nate as to witness Paulhan's sensa-  
tional and record breaking flight for  
altitude when he went over 4,100  
feet.

"Little Billy" Scott, who has been  
entertaining his "Grandpa Scott" the  
last six months, has left Sierra Madre  
with his mother, Mrs. Bessie K.  
Scott, and his sister, Mary, to take  
up his residence at Long Beach.  
"Grandad" will miss his dulcet howls  
and winning smiles. \*\*\*

The Ladies' Aid Society of the  
Congregational church held its an-  
nual meeting and election of officers  
on Tuesday afternoon. Officers cho-  
sen for the coming year were: Mrs.  
C. S. Kersting, president; Mrs. G. E.  
Coopman, vice-president; Mrs. A. S.  
Mead, secretary; Mrs. Greer Caskey,  
treasurer.

At the annual meeting of stock-  
holders of the First National Bank  
held on Tuesday afternoon the old  
board of directors were re-elected  
and the board in turn elected the  
same officers who have given such a  
satisfactory administration during  
the last two years, the list being as  
follows: Charles S. Kersting, presi-  
dent; L. C. Torrance, first vice-presi-  
dent; A. D. Hawks, second vice-presi-  
dent; H. G. Flint, cashier; C. H. Ba-  
ker, N. H. Hosmer, F. N. Hawes.

Dr. J. W. Cochran has been deliv-  
ering this week before the student  
body at Occidental college a series  
of three lectures on "Studies in  
Moral and Spiritual Leadership." He  
left yesterday morning for Berkeley  
where he will lecture before the stu-  
dent body at the state university, af-  
ter which he will visit the state uni-  
versities and Presbyterian colleges as  
far east as the Mississippi. The lec-  
tures are delivered in connection with  
the work of the Board of Education  
of the Presbyterian church of which  
Dr. Cochran is secretary. His fam-  
ily will remain in Sierra Madre until  
June.

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surprised to know the amount of  
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column and the chances are you will  
get results.

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## AIRSHIPS AND PEOPLE

If one were inclined to moralize over the aviation meet at Dominguez field many points of similarity might be found between airships and people. We talk about "conquering the air" and "invading the heavenly regions," but all have to come back to earth. Very much to the point is a bit of verse by Strickland W. Gil-lilan entitled "Antidote for Egotism":

When ye kind o' kit t' thinkin'  
Ye're th' whole endurin' thing,  
When ye think th' world must have ye  
Same's a kite must have a string,  
Then it's time t' fix fer dodgin'  
An' begin t' look around—  
'Cause they's somepin goin' t' hit ye  
That'll surely take ye down.

When ye git t' livin' reg'lar,  
'Way up in th' upper air,  
An' when folks without a field-glass  
Couldn't find ye anywhere,  
Then it's time to git yer parachute  
An' see it's workin' right,  
While ye glance to'r'd terry firmly  
Pickin' out a spot to light.

'Cause most folks is lots like water—  
Finds their levels off an' on,  
Though they 'vaporate occasional'  
An' we wonder where they've gone;  
But they're bound t' light back some-  
how,

Fog er rain, er coolin' dew—  
An' when I say "folks," I reckon  
That's includin' me and you.

A good many people have been in the habit of accompanying any mention of the town of Watts with an amused if not supercilious smile. The town got a lot of cheap advertising out of a cheaper show called "Lonesome Town" and the name stuck. But nevertheless, keep your eye on Watts. Brother Shubert announced in the Watts Advertiser last week that the city trustees had just accepted the new \$25,000 city hall from the contractors. He also says there are fourteen streets in course of improvement at this time. Evidently the people down there have faith in their property but they are not depending on faith alone. If faith and works together can accomplish anything they propose to get the benefit of it.

The new administration of the Board of Trade should make 1910 a banner year in the history of Sierra Madre, and that without casting any reflections on what has been accomplished in the past. The new president, through his service in the secretary's office and in the affairs of the Board in general, is as well posted on the workings of the Board and the necessities of the situation as any one who could be found. The

new vice-president and members of the board of directors are all boosters and will serve to put some new lubricant into the wheels of the organization.

## Transmigration

This transmigration is a bore  
As near as I can see;  
A feller dies an' comes right back  
T' be a chimpanzee.

They say a feller never knows  
Jist what'll come t' pass;  
He's likely t' infect a whale,  
Er mebbe some jackass.

An' yit, I reckon, if it's fate,  
I'd better make no fuss;  
Fer mebbe if I'm good I'll come  
An' be an octopus.

—R. A. Johnston, in Puck

"Own up, now. Who's the head  
of your family?" "My wife used to  
be," admitted Mr. Enpeck. "But  
since my daughters are grown we  
have a commission form of govern-  
ment."—Washington Herald.

## It Irks

Her every move is one of grace,  
And yet it riles me some,  
When we are in a public place,  
To see her stretch her gum.

—Detroit Free Press.

## ORDINANCE NO. 111

An Ordinance to establish certain  
grades on Suffolk Avenue in the  
City of Sierra Madre.  
The Board of Trustees of the City of  
Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:  
Sec. 1. That the grades on Suffolk  
Avenue mentioned here below be es-  
tablished and adopted as per field  
notes, figures given and profiles made  
for same and on file in the office of  
the City Engineer of the City of  
Sierra Madre, and that they be made  
the authorized official grades upon  
said avenue as follows, to-wit:

## Suffolk Avenue

At the conjunction of Baldwin and  
Suffolk Avenues.

Center 799.75  
N. E. Cor. 801.10  
S. E. Cor. 798.50

At a point 250 feet east of the east  
property line of Baldwin Avenue.

Center 789.50  
N. Side 790.50  
S. Side 788.50

At a point 550 feet east of the east  
property line of Baldwin Avenue.

Center 779.05  
N. Side 780.05  
S. Side 778.05

At the conjunction of Sierra Madre  
Place and Suffolk Avenues.

At the intersection of the  
center lines 766.10  
N. W. Cor. 768.10  
S. W. Cor. 766.10

The above elevations of grades are  
in feet and are above or below a  
bench mark, a cross in the curb at  
the northwest corner of Baldwin and  
Central Avenues in the City of Sierra  
Madre, the elevation of which is  
824.19 feet.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall cer-  
tify to the adoption of this ordinance  
and shall cause the same to be pub-  
lished once in the Sierra Madre News,  
a weekly newspaper published and  
circulated in said city and hereby  
designated for that purpose, and  
thereupon and thereafter it shall take  
effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was  
adopted at a regular meeting of the  
Board of Trustees of the City of  
Sierra Madre held on the 13th day  
of January, 1910, by the affirmative  
vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes, Messrs. Graham, Hosmer,  
Steinberger and Jones.

Nones, none.  
Absent, Trustee Pegler.  
and signed and approved this 13th  
day of January, 1910.

C. W. JONES,  
President of the Board of Trustees.  
Attest: J. A. MADDEN,  
City Clerk.

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The family festivals of one nations  
need explaining to the citizens of  
another. So it was at a recent gold-  
en weeding announced to be cele-  
brated in an English country house  
where there was a French guest. The  
thing is not unknown in France, but  
it is there called a jubilee. He asked  
therefore what the golden wedding  
might mean. "It means," said his  
English friend, not without emotion,  
"that these two people have lived to-  
gether, in happiness and affection,  
for fifty long years." "Ah, yes,"  
cried the alien, "I understand per-  
fectly; and now they are to be mar-  
ried, eh?"

The budding playwright was reading  
his latest creation to a party of  
friends, but as he plodded through  
the second act he heard an odd sound  
and looked up, to see one of his audi-  
ence asleep and breathing heavily.  
He was greatly annoyed. "Sir," he  
said, "sir, wake up. You might re-  
member that I am reading this play  
to the company in order to get its  
opinion. How can a man who is  
asleep give an opinion?" "How?"  
said the drowsy one, with a yawn.  
"Easily enough. Sleep is an opinion."

**CITY DIRECTORY****CITY OFFICIALS**

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7:05 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	7:42 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
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9:05 a.m.	3:05 p.m.	9:10 a.m.	4:10 p.m.
10:05 a.m.	4:05 p.m.	10:10 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
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Blobbs—In France I understand they eat horse meat. Slobbs—Yes, but they generally begin the meal with a pony.—Philadelphia Record.

**A LOVE STORY—WITH EXPLANATIONS**

They were sitting in the gloaming. (Explanation 1—In reality, they were sitting in a rocking chair, but the best novelists generally make them sit in the gloaming, and so the expression is here used. The best novelists do not hold it over us so many.)

The night crept silently upon them.

(Explanation 2—The night generally does this. In fact, the writer does not recall an instance of the night rollicking in noisily and hilariously.)

Closer and closer to each other they drew until, at last, her golden hair was upon his shoulder.

(Explanation 3—In reality the hair was black, but, being of the best quality, it cost so much that it is appropriate to refer to it as golden.)

Then, and not till then, he folded her in his arms and called her "darling."

(Explanation 4—He was a chump. No man need wait till she has her head on his shoulder before beginning to call her treacle names. Otherwise how can the poor girl know that she will not again have to remove her hair—from his shoulder, of course.)

The clock ticked on. (Explanation 5—It is impossible to say just how and why the clock got into this tale, but it is no more inexplicable than a great many other things you may have noticed in fiction, so let the clock go, as, of course, it should.)

Suddenly faltering footsteps were heard in the distance, the very atmosphere seemed permeated by a permeating permeation, quickly she removed her hair, and they rose.

(Explanation 6—Here the story should become intense, absorbing, but it was nobody but her father coming home from the club, and he had done so much absorbing that none is left for this narrative.)

(Explanation 7—The absorbing qualities of this story being terminated so early in the game, its conclusion will be postponed till some other than a club evening.)—A. J. Waterhouse in California Weekly.

A London clothier was never known to acknowledge that he didn't have anything a possible customer might ask for. One day a customer entered the shop and asked if he had any trousers made especially for one-legged men. "Certainly," replied the merchant. "What kind do you want?" "Dress pants," said the man. "The best you've got." Hurrying into the rear of the shop, the enterprising merchant snatched a pair of trousers and snipped off the right leg with a pair of shears. Hastily turning under the edges he presented them to the customer. "That's the kind I want. What's the price?" "Thirty shillings." "Well, give me a pair with the left leg off." A month later the clothier was pronounced convalescent.

"It seems to me that I have seen you before." "You have, my lord. I used to give your daughter singing lessons." "Twenty years!"—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

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## NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAX SALE

Of the City of Sierra Madre for the Fiscal Year 1909-1910.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the taxes on the hereinafter described lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying, being and situate in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California, became delinquent on the 29th day of November, 1909, and that unless said delinquent taxes, together with the costs and penalties thereon provided for by Ordinance No. 2 of Ordinances of the City of Sierra Madre, are paid prior to the sale of the said several lots, pieces or parcels of land as hereinafter provided for, the said several lots, pieces or parcels of land or real property upon which the said taxes are a lien will be sold.

Notice is further given that the sale of the same will commence on the morning of the 25th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the office of the City Tax and License Collector, to-wit: in the City Hall of the City of Sierra Madre, and will continue thereafter, and from day to day, until all of the said several lots, pieces or parcels of land or real property remaining delinquent shall have been sold.

Sierra Madre, California, December 31, 1909.

Said several lots, pieces or parcels of land, together with the amount of tax delinquent on the same, being as follows, to-wit:

Name and Description	Total Tax	Name and Description	Total Tax
Bartow, J. V., Carter Tract, all except W. 20 ft., lot 1, tax \$3.92; penalty .19.....	\$4.11	penalty .08 .....	1.84
Do, lot 2, tax 1.12, penalty .05 .....	1.17	Hodgson, Balm H., Tract No. 239, lot 3, tax 4.40, penalty .22 .....	4.62
Do, lot 3, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68	Do, lot commencing at N. E. corner lot 13; th. S. 85 deg. 18 min. E. 40 ft.; th. S. 2 deg. 38 min. W. 239.49 ft.; th. S. 66 deg. 35 min. W. 14 ft. to E. line of said lot; th. northerly along said E. line 248.59 ft. to beginning, being part of lot 1, tax .32, penalty .01 .....	3.33
Bellows, W. B., Carter Tract, W. 20 ft. lot 1, tax .64, penalty .03 .....	.67	Humphries, George, Sierra Madre Tract, lot beginning 320 ft. W. from S. E. corner of Piedmont Heights; th. S. 20 ft. with a uniform depth of 120 ft. W., being in lot 22, tax .24, penalty .01.....	.25
Bishop, Herbert M., Monte Lado Tract, lot 31, tax 4.32, penalty .21 .....	4.63	Johnston, Albert C., Monte Lado Tract, lot 21, tax 4.00, penalty .20 .....	4.20
Boles, Alice R., Spaulding and Pinney's Subdivision, lot 12, blk B, tax 1.68, penalty .08.....	1.76	Jones, Arthur, Prospect Tract, lot 29, tax 8.80, penalty .44..	9.24
Bristar, T. G. (Heirs of), Pinney Hotel Tract, lot 25, tax 1.76, penalty .08.....	1.84	Do, lot 30, tax 3.20, penalty .16 .....	3.36
Brown, A. M., Park Manor, lot 31, tax 2.48, penalty .12.....	2.60	Do, lot 31, tax 2.80, penalty .14 .....	2.94
Bush, Ella S., Mrs. C. B. Jones Subdivision, N. 50 ft. of S. 90 ft. of lot 21, tax .64, penalty .03 .....	.67	Do, lot 32, tax 3.20, penalty .16 .....	3.36
Do, N. 50 ft. of S. 90 ft. of lot 22, tax .56, penalty .02 .....	.58	Do, lot 46, tax 2.00, penalty .10 .....	2.10
Do, N. 50 ft. of S. 90 ft. of lot 23, tax .56, penalty .02 .....	.58	Do, lot 47, tax 3.04, penalty .15 .....	3.19
Caskey, A. L., Park Manor, E 1/2 of lot 15, tax 1.12, penalty .05 .....	1.17	Do, lot 48, tax 3.04, penalty .15 .....	3.19
Cleveland, Margaret E., 1.33 acres beginning at N. W. corner of S. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Section 17; th. S. 7.66 ch., with a uniform width of 1.89 ch. East, being in Section 17, T. 1 N., R. 11 W., tax 1.12, penalty .05 .....	1.17	Do, W. 50 ft. of lot 45, tax 1.52, penalty .07 .....	1.59
Cook, Mrs. Antoinette, Oak Knoll Tract, lot 16, tax 2.64, penalty .13 .....	2.77	Jordan, Mary H., La Belle Avenue Tract, lot A, tax .40, penalty .02 .....	.42
Cook, Mrs. J., Long Beach Tract No. 2, lot 7, tax 7.44, penalty .37 .....	7.81	Kersting, Chas. S., Granite Heights Tract, N. 100 ft. of E. 10 ft. of lot 15, tax .32, penalty .01 .....	.33
Curtin, Mary E., Prospect Tract, lot 14, tax 2.80, penalty .14 .....	2.94	Knox, Bena I., Fairview Tract, lot 4, tax 1.36, penalty .06..	1.42
Dunlap, Anna Bell, Pinney Hotel Tract, lot 31, tax 3.68, penalty .18 .....	3.86	Do, lot 5, tax 1.36, penalty .06 .....	1.42
Ferguson, Nellie B., Monte Lado Tract, lot 30, tax 4.32, penalty .21 .....	4.53	Lannan, P. H., Property of P. H. Lannan, commencing at N. E. corner of Section 16; th. S. 1320 ft; th. W. 1375.20 ft. running W. 1375.20 ft.; ft.; th. S. 146.52 ft.; th. E. 820.38 ft.; th. S. 1650 ft.; th. E. 330 ft.; th. S. 1320 ft.; th. E. 690.17 ft.; th. N. 1436 ft.; th. E. 910 ft.; th. N. 3000.52 ft. to place of beginning, being a part of E. 1/2 of section 16, T. 1 N., R. 11 W., tax 74.96, penalty 3.74.....	78.70
Gourley, Fred, Amended Blumer Tract, lot 13, tax 4.24, penalty .21 .....	4.45	Lincoln, Edmund, Granite Heights Tract, lot 30, tax 2.40, penalty .12.....	2.52
Guercio, Camillo, Camillo Guercio Tract, lot 9, tax .72, penalty .03 .....	.75	Lord, Ralph J., Park Manor, lot 15, tax 1.12, penalty .05.....	1.17
Do, lot 10, tax .72, penalty .03 .....	.75	Meek, Wm., Excelsior Tract, lot 4, tax 2.16, penalty .10.....	2.26
Do, lot 11, tax .72, penalty .03 .....	.75	Smith, C. B., Ocean View Tract, S. 62 ft. lot 31, S. 62 ft. lot 32 (known as lot G), tax 2.40, penalty .12.....	2.52
Gurhardy, Caroline S., Gurhardy Heights, lot 34, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Moore, Mrs. Adell, Victoria Place, lot 18, tax 1.52, penalty .07 .....	7.30
Do, lot 35, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	McFarland, Minnie L., Re-Plat	1.59
Haskins, Jeannette B., Pinney Hotel Tract, lot 19, tax 1.76,			

Name and Description	Total Tax	Name and Description	Total Tax
of Grand View Tract, lot 3, tax 2.48, penalty .12.....	2.60	ion, lot 7, blk A, tax 3.36, penalty .16 .....	3.52
McDonald, Mary A., Re-Plat of Grand View Tract, lot 12, tax 3.20, penalty .16.....	3.36	Strain, A. G., Prospect Tract, lot 3, tax 2.24, penalty .11..	2.35
McDougall, W. H., Victoria Place, lot 10, tax 1.28, penalty .06 .....	1.34	Do, lot 8, tax 2.64, penalty .13 .....	2.77
Do, lot 12, tax 1.28, penalty .06 .....	1.34	Strain, A. G., and F. O. Cass, Prospect Tract, E. 25 ft. lot 13, tax 1.44, penalty .07....	1.51
Do, lot 14, tax 3.28, penalty .16 .....	3.44	Do, W. 25 ft. lot 13, tax 1.84, penalty .09 .....	1.93
Do, lot 16, tax 7.68, penalty .38 .....	8.06	Thomas, Chas. R., Park Manor, E 1/2 lot 11, tax 1.12, penalty .05 .....	1.17
Verce, Louis A., Norris Tract, lot 6, tax 2.80, penalty .14.....	2.94	Vale, I. E., Victoria Place, lot 13, tax 1.20, penalty .06....	1.26
Penney, J. J., Angell Heights, N. 50 ft. lot 2, tax 1.92, penalty .09 .....	2.01	Warfield, Ida E., Re-Plat of Grand View Tract, lot 18, tax 1.44, penalty .07.....	1.51
Raphael, Mary E., Central Tract, all except westerly 67 ft. of lot 14, blk A, tax 1.76, penalty .08 .....	1.84	Webb, Wm. J., Ritchey Tract, lot 5, tax 1.84, penalty .09... .	1.93
Rooney, W. T., Grand View Tract, lot 1, blk C, tax 1.76, penalty .08 .....	1.84	Whitlock, Hamala M., Wheeler Heights, lot 4, tax 2.24, penalty .11 .....	2.35
Do, lot 2, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Weir, A. W., Pinney Hotel Tract, lot 47, tax 8.88, penalty .44..	9.32
Do, lot 3, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Yarnell, Burton, Camillo Guercio Tract, lot 2, tax .80, penalty .04 .....	.84
Do, lot 4, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Do, lot 3, tax 1.92, penalty .09 .....	2.01
Do, lot 5, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Unknown, Pinney Hotel Tract, lot 13, tax 1.84, penalty .09.. .	1.93
Do, lot 6, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Do, S. 8 ft. of lot 46, tax .32, penalty .01 .....	.33
Do, lot 7, blk C, tax 1.76, penalty .08 .....	1.84	Unknown, Excelsior Tract, lot 19, tax 2.24, penalty .11.....	2.35
Do, lot 8, blk C, tax 1.36, penalty .06 .....	1.42	Do, N. 193.9 ft. of lot 25, tax 1.92, penalty .09.....	2.01
Do, lot 9, blk C, tax 1.52, penalty .07 .....	1.59	Unknown, Monte Lado Tract, lot 6, tax 4.32, penalty .21.....	4.53
Do, lot 10, blk C, tax 1.52, penalty .07 .....	1.59	Do, lot 22, tax 4.00, penalty .20 .....	4.20
Do, lot 11, blk C, tax 1.52, penalty .07 .....	1.59	Do, lot 41, tax 3.84, penalty .19 .....	4.03
Do, lot 12, blk C, tax 1.52, penalty .07 .....	1.59	Unknown, Central Tract, lot 17, blk A, tax 3.84, penalty .19 .....	4.03
Do, lot 13, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Unknown, Canon Tract, E. 1/2 lot 16, tax 1.60, penalty .08.. .	1.68
Do, lot 14, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Unknown, Sierra Madre Tract, lot beginning at S. W. corner of lot 31, Canon Tract; th. running E 100 ft., with a uniform depth of 200 ft. N., being in lot 26, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68
Do, lot 15, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Total tax .....	\$358.08
Do, lot 16, blk C, tax 1.44, penalty .07 .....	1.51	Total penalty .....	17.50
Do, lot 17, blk C, tax 1.28, penalty .06 .....	1.34	Amount .....	\$375.58
Do, lot 18, blk D, tax 1.20, penalty .06 .....	1.26	F. C. LEHMER, City Tax and License Collector.	
Do, lot 19, blk D, tax 1.20, penalty .06 .....	1.26		
Do, lot 20, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 21, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 22, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 23, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 24, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 25, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 26, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 27, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 28, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 29, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 30, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 31, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 32, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 33, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
Do, lot 34, blk D, tax 1.60, penalty .08 .....	1.68		
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## Circular Letter Addressed to Stockholders of Water Company

Sierra Madre, Cal., 10 January, 1910.

To the Stockholders:

Ladies and Gentlemen: Referring to the accompanying notice for a **Special Meeting** of stockholders to be held on the 28th inst.:

It is within the knowledge of most of the stockholders that, during the past two years, there has been considerable discussion as to the desirability of promoting the acquirement by the City of Sierra Madre of the water rights and property of this Company.

Prior to the annual meeting of stockholders held on February 13th, 1908, the matter was discussed by a committee of the City Trustees. At the annual meeting the matter was also discussed but no action was taken, not only because the City Trustees considered action on their part premature, but also on account of the opposition of many large irrigators who could not then see how in such change of ownership their special needs could be maintained.

During the year 1908 a large number of new homes were erected in the city, involving a corresponding increase in population and in the demand for domestic water. With the certainty of a continuous growth of Sierra Madre, as a choice place of residence, there grew up a feeling among those interested in the development of the town, that before the lapse of a very long period, the question of water conservation and development would have to be considered in advance, notwithstanding the then abundant supply. The fact was realized, at the same time, that the organization and financial obligations of the Company precluded it from any additional bond issue for some years to come, thus leaving the burden of permanent improvements, the benefit of which would be spread over many years, to be met by heavy assessments on the stockholders.

In consequence, at the annual meeting held on February 13th, 1909, a committee of eleven was appointed to consider whether the Company should be re-organized to do business as a profit-earning corporation.

That committee reported, at an adjourned meeting on April 8th, 1909, that it was of opinion that no changes in the organization of the Company were desirable at that time. The committee was led to this conclusion, after full discussion, and after several consultations with the Company's attorney, by the realization of the fact that the organization of a company, or public corporation, for profit, responsible for the supply of water to residents, whether stockholders or not, would inevitably lead to the sale of stock to outside investors. Such investors having no special interest in the town, would naturally and legitimately expect the Company to earn a profit. This profit could not be secured without a very considerable advance in present charges for water.

The adjourned meeting acquiesced in the recommendation of the committee, ultimately passing a resolution intimating that it was "the sense of the meeting that the Directors continue investigating the best way of disposing of the Company's plant to the City."

As the year 1909 advanced the feeling in favor of municipal ownership ripened, especially when it became known to the larger stockholders that the Company's attorney had expressed a decided opinion that it was competent for the City Trustees, in the case of a purchase, to enter into an agreement with the irrigators for a limited term, of seven or eight years, by which the Trustees should undertake to continue to recognize the rights of the irrigators in the matter of an equitable supply of available water during such period.

This feeling in favor of municipal ownership later took practicable shape, through the initiative of the Board of Trade, which by its action brought the matter to an issue between your Directors and the City Trustees.

As a guide to both parties in their negotiations your Directors prepared a complete inventory of the Company's property and called in an expert engineer, of wide experience, who, without knowledge of or reference to the financial condition and earning capacity of the Company, made a physical valuation of the property on the basis of what it would cost to replace such property at

the present time, after allowing fully for both appreciation and depreciation. That valuation, the total of which considerably exceeded the capital and indebtedness of the Company, served an excellent purpose in assuring the City Trustees that the Company's property, while not at present earning sufficient to pay current expenses, interest or needed improvements, is nevertheless in a condition, as regards reservoirs, pipe lines, etc., to serve a large increase in consumers without any serious outlay.

When therefore your Directors met the City Trustees to, if possible, agree on a price for the Company's property, acceptable alike to both parties, there was no difficulty at a full meeting of both bodies in unanimously deciding on \$96,000 as the sum to be paid by the City to the Water Company for its property should the stockholders of the Company, and the citizens of Sierra Madre, confirm the arrangement.

It is not pretended, by anyone concerned therewith, that the price agreed upon by both parties is anything more than an arbitrary valuation which had to be arrived at with the knowledge that the stockholders of the Water Company, and the citizens of Sierra Madre, are practically identical, and that the higher the price paid by the City the greater the cost of water to the citizens. In the same way the more moderate the price, the lower the cost of water.

The foregoing briefly records the stages by which public opinion has grown in favor of municipal ownership and by which your Board of Directors and the City Trustees have each arrived at the unanimous conclusion, the one to recommend its stockholders to sell, the other advise its constituents to buy. In this connection it should be duly noted that nothing has been done in haste and without full investigation, discussion and deliberation essential to the attainment of a sound decision.

It has been evident for some time, especially since the incorporation of the City, that the present organization of the Water Company is no longer adequate to meet changed conditions, especially in view of the financial burden entailed by frequent assessments for permanent improvements.

It is equally evident that a change to a dividend-earning public utility corporation, with its legal right to have water rates fixed by the City Trustees at a figure that will enable such corporation to earn a minimum 6 per cent dividend, on the ascertained value of its property, would be a distinct change for the worse.

It seems equally clear to your Directors that with the Company's property in the hands of a City capable of borrowing on better terms than either a mutual company or a public corporation, and with no object to serve save that of supplying its citizens with water at cost, there can be no doubt as to the wisdom of the Company in selling to the City at the price agreed on. Your Directors recognize that in carrying out the details of this transaction it is their bounden duty to see that the interests of irrigators and domestic consumers alike are protected, and that a suitable agreement between the irrigators and the City Trustees is executed on a fair and equitable basis.

With this understanding you are earnestly requested to attend the Special Meeting personally if practicable. If not possible to attend personally you are asked to send forthwith, on receipt of this circular, a proxy, on the form enclosed, in favor of some stockholder who will be present, or in the name of Mr. H. G. Flint, the secretary of the Company.

A two-thirds vote is essential to carry the resolutions that will be submitted to the meeting, but it is very desirable that each and every stockholder should record his vote in person or by proxy. If proxies are sent forward in advance to the Secretary much valuable time will be saved, and the proceedings materially shortened.

Signed in behalf of the Board of Directors,

Yours faithfully,

W. S. ANDREWS, President.

H. G. FLINT, Secretary.

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### AT THE THEATERS

#### Belasco

The theatre goers of Los Angeles will at the Belasco theatre Monday night have an opportunity to pass judgment on a new play by one of America's most famous young dramatists. The play is "The Spendthrift." It is the work of Porter Emerson Browne. Mr. Browne is a well known magazine writer and his play "A Fool There Was," is being given by Robert Billiard in the important syndicate theatres in the east with prominent popular, as well as critical success.

Lewis S. Stone will have the part of the young husband, while Miss Magrane will be seen in the part of the wife. Richard Vivian will have a comedy role of the kind at which he has always been eminently successful while Miss Lewis, Miss Farrington, Mr. Yerence, Mr. Scott and the rest of the Belasco company will all find themselves in congenial roles.

Following the performance of "The Spendthrift" the Belasco company will present for the first time on any stage in the west, Paul Wilstach's new detective play, "Mrs. Eastman's Pearls." Much is expected of this play which has been given in the east under the title of "Keegan's Pals."

#### Majestic

A strong attraction has been booked for the Majestic theater next week in the big musical show, "The Alaskan," now controlled by Wm. P. Cullen. "The Alaskan" comes here from a phenomenal run in Chicago, where the press agreed that it was, in its new dress, one of the cleverest, brightest and funniest productions seen there in years. A prodigal hand has given it beautiful new costuming and also many novel effects in staging. The Esquimo dog train, the great "snowballing" scene, all lend an unusual atmosphere. The already large advance sale indicates a lively interest.

#### Burbank

David Belasco's successful play, "Men and Women," written in collaboration with the late H. C. DeMille, will be revived at the Burbank theater next week. It has been several years since this drama was last seen in Los Angeles and its revival just at this time when "financial" plays are so much the vogue is exceedingly timely since "Men and Women" was the first play of American authorship in which American methods of finance were utilized in their dramatic aspect.

A. Byron Beasley will be seen in the leading role as William Prescott, and Miss Frances Nordstrom will play Agnes Rodman. Miss Fay Bainter, who has been absent from the Burbank stage for several months, will return in the role of Dora Prescott.

#### PECULIARITIES OF THE ATMOSPHERE

Since scientists have been sending up sounding balloons, with self-registering thermometers, a great deal heretofore unknown has been learned about the earth's envelope of air. Most notable among these new discoveries, perhaps, is the fact that the atmosphere is divided into three dis-

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tinct strata which are very differently characterized. The first of these strata, lying next the earth, is that of warmth and whimsical winds, and it is but two miles in thickness. This, of course, is the stratum concerning which man has been fairly well posted ever since the time when he first began to breathe. Immediately above this stratum is another, about six miles in thickness, which is characterized by two features, first, extreme cold, a Fahrenheit thermometer showing a temperature as low as 167 degrees below the freezing point, and, second, the air responds to the whirl of the earth, and a strong eastward wind forever is blowing. Above eight miles a third stratum begins, and its striking peculiarity—one not to have been expected—is the fact that it is warmer than the second stratum. However, it is not exces-

sively warm; fans are not needed there by aeronauts, as the temperature still falls to from 122 to 140 degrees below the freezing point. The winds here again blow from any and all directions. This stratum continues to a point 18 miles above the earth's surface, which is as far as man knows anything about the atmosphere in which he lives, breathes and has his being.

"And," the beautiful girl said, looking up into his eyes, "you are really a member of congress?" "That honor has been conferred upon me," replied the dignified representative. "How perfectly splendid. And are you an insurgent?" O, no! Please don't suppose for a moment that I would be so silly as to get on that side." "Ah! What do you do—brush Cannon's coat or black his shoes?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

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